

Weekly Dose Strong Groups sign “ing” mixed with Emphasis

QUESTION: "How would you show an italic letter at the beginning of the "ing" group sign and would you still contract the group sign or not." Answer provided in the examples below.

Examples:

snowing

- Yes, in this example you can use the strong group sign “ing.” Did you notice the Italic Typeform Symbol Indicator was used before the letter i.

BUT

snow-*ing* 

- No, in this example you can't use the strong group sign "ing." However, it is not due to the Italic Word Indicator. Refer to the rule below.

Learning Point – Since the strong groupsign “ing” is now standing alone it would be the **beginning of a word** or defined as the letters-sequence which follows a space, hyphen, or dash.

RULE 2.6.2 A letter or letters-sequence is "standing alone" when the following common punctuation and indicator symbols intervene between the letter or letters-sequence and the preceding space, hyphen, or dash.

Source - Rules of Unified English Braille Section 2 and 10.